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(U//~~FOUO~~) Incel is an abbreviation of the term “involuntarily celibate,” and was a word originally coined some 20 years ago to describe an online support forum for lonely singles. More recently, the word Incel has been co-opted, and now represents a sub-set of young, misogynistic men whose lives are devoid of sexual activity.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Incels principally blame women for the sexual rejection they experience and direct their hostility towards them. To a lesser extent, Incels also blame attractive men, reasoning these men lessen the pool of available attractive women. Moreover, some Incels believe society in general contributes to their predicament. Incels hold the notion that a hierarchical system based on wealth and power, two things Incels typically lack, is what prevents Incels from attracting the interest of certain women. The Internet and the emergence of social media, to include chat rooms and anonymous forums, have also enabled individuals to engage the Incel movement without joining organized groups.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) This assessment is not based solely on the exercise of First Amendment activities or on the race, ethnicity, national origin or religion of the subject, or a combination of only such factors;

(U//~~FOUO~~) This assessment is an appropriate use of personnel and financial resources;

(U//~~FOUO~~) The collection of positive foreign intelligence is not the sole purpose of this assessment; and,

(U//~~FOUO~~) If this assessment begins to focus on a particular individual or entity, that a separate substantive or predicated investigation will be opened under a more appropriate program classification pursuant to DIOG.

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**(U) Review**

(U//~~FOUO~~) A file review will be conducted 90 days from the commencement of [REDACTED]

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[Redacted] Elliot Rodger, widely revered in Incel circles, killed six and wounded 13 in a shooting spree in Isla Vista, California, in 2014. In the days leading up to the attack, Rodger compiled a manifesto and in his final entry he wrote, "Tomorrow is the day of retribution. The day I will have my retribution against humanity. Against all of you. For the last eight years of my life...I've been forced to endure an existence of loneliness, rejection and unfulfilled desires. Girls gave their affection and sex and love to other men but never to me." An identified US-based non-governmental organization identified Roger as "the first alt-right terrorist.") [Redacted]

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(U)Strategic Overview

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(U//~~FOUO~~) FBI Baltimore will obtain intelligence through the use of:

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In accordance with the DIOG, released 15 October 2011, updated 3 March 2016, the author certifies that:

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Incels having failed to find women either willing to have or to be coerced into sex, turn their anger into calls of violence, which has ranged from the more common online harassment and threats to rare mass casualty incidents. Some highly praised members of the Incel movement have stated harassment and violent rhetoric were strategically necessary.

**(U//~~FOUO~~) Potential threats from Incels or individuals with Incel like characteristics within the Domain**

(U//~~FOUO~~) Analysis of [REDACTED] and or cases of individuals displaying traits and/or characteristics associated to, or in line with the Incel ideology potentially shows individuals with Baltimore's AOR.

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